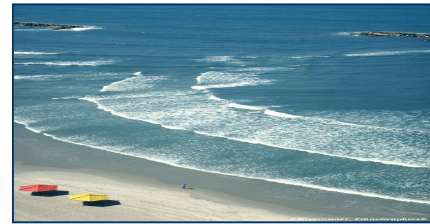
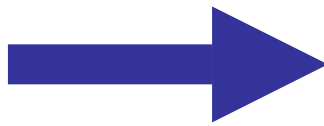


California Environmental Protection Agency  
**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**  
WATER QUALITY

**SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW  
REDUCTION PROGRAM**



**DON'T BE SURPRISED  
DON'T BE LEFT BEHIND**

**GET INVOLVED! STAY INFORMED! BE PREPARED!**

- ✓ Do you want to see consistent standards and requirements for managing sewer systems?
- ✓ Do you want to standardize and streamline the reporting of sewer overflows?
- ✓ Do you want to have clear and specific guidelines and expectations for reducing sanitary sewer overflows?
- ✓ Do you want to reduce sanitary sewer overflows in your community?
- ✓ Do you want to serve your constituents better and protect the public health, safety and the environment?
- ✓ Do you want to have the necessary resources and support to do your job right?
- ✓ Do you want to reduce the risk of enforcement and litigation?

**THEN YOU NEED TO GET INVOLVED!**

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Get involved with representatives from many sewer agencies, health officials, and environmental advocates in the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) efforts to develop a plan of action, guidelines, and requirements for a statewide consistent approach for reducing Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO).

On November 18, 2004, the Water Board adopted Resolution No. 2004-80 directing staff to work with stakeholders to develop a statewide consistent approach for reducing SSOs. The overall goal is to improve water quality in California through a reduction in the number and volume of SSOs and to establish clear and consistent guidelines and requirements for managing sewer systems. This includes, but not limited to:

- The development of Sanitary Sewer Management Plan (SSMP) requirements (utilizing applicable industry standards),
- Developing necessary regulatory mechanisms for implementation (such as individual or general permits)
- The development of consistent statewide SSO reporting process utilizing information technology and enhancing public notification,
- Establishing consistent standards in controlling SSO sources such as Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) and roots in sewer laterals,
- Identifying the necessary training and certification for operators, and
- Establishing process for review and certification of management plans.

The SWRCB and a group of your fellow agency representatives (Guidance Committee) have been meeting and working closely together to assist in developing these guidelines. The guidance committee is focused on the following:

- Consistent SSO reporting,
- Appropriate SSMPs in every community,
- Management of private sewer laterals,
- Education and outreach, and
- Adequate funding.

To get involved, contact your professional organizations, a member of the guidance committee, and/or visit the SWRCB website at:

[www.swrcb.ca.gov/ssso](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ssso)